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assignments should be avoided unless the owner is willing to lose the protection afforded by registration.

(c) Debentures submitted for conversion to book-entry form should be assigned to "The Federal Housing Commissioner for conversion to book-entry debentures for the account of _____." The registration on the book-entry account and/or the account number in which the debentures should be deposited should be indicated.

(d) All assignments must be made on the debentures themselves unless otherwise authorized by the Department of Treasury.

§ 337.6 Conversions to book-entry.

Upon implementation of the book-entry debenture system, to be announced in advance by separate public notice, all new debentures will be issued only in book-entry form, and may not thereafter be converted to certificated form.

Certificated debentures may, upon the owner's request in accordance with § 337.5(c), be converted to book-entry. If such action is taken, the owner shall be deemed to have irrevocably waived the right to hold such debenture in certificated form.

§ 337.7 Servicing transactions.

Upon implementation of the book-entry debenture system, to be announced in advance by separate public notice, any transfer or denominational exchange of certificated debentures generally will be made in book-entry form. If certificated debentures are desired, the owner should so request in writing, before the book-entry debentures are issued.

§ 337.8 Payment of mortgage insurance premiums.

When certificated debentures are tendered for purchase prior to maturity in order that the proceeds thereof be applied to pay for mortgage insurance premiums, any difference between the amount of the debentures purchased and the amount of the mortgage insurance premium will generally be issued to the owner in the form of a book-entry debenture in the exact amount of such difference, provided it is one dollar (\$1.00) or more. However, if the

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owner so requests, such difference will be settled with certificated debenture(s), together with a cash adjustment, if any. Such request should be made in writing, before the book-entry debenture in the amount of the difference is issued.

§ 337.9 Payment of final interest.

Final interest on any debenture, whether purchased prior to or redeemed on or after the call or the maturity date, will be paid with the principal. In all cases the payment of principal and final interest will be mailed or directed to the payment address given in the form of advice accompanying the debenture surrendered.

§ 337.10 Payments.

Payments on certificated debentures will be made by fiscal agency check in accordance with part 355 of this chapter, or, upon request, by direct deposit (electronic funds transfer) in accordance with part 370 of this chapter. Information as to the deposit account at the financial institution designated to receive a direct deposit payment shall be provided on the appropriate form(s) designated by the Department.

Subpart B—Book-Entry Debentures

§ 337.11 Original issue and conversions.

Upon implementation of the book-entry debenture system, to be announced in advance by separate public notice, all new debentures will be issued only in book-entry form in the exact amount payable to the owner. Once issued in book-entry form, a debenture may not be converted to certificated form.

§ 337.12 Applicability of TREASURY DIRECT regulations.

The regulations governing the TREASURY DIRECT Book-Entry Securities System (TREASURY DIRECT) (part 357 of this chapter) apply to govern transactions in FHA book-entry debentures, with the following exceptions:

(a) *Securities account.* (See § 357.20 of this chapter.) An account in the book-